

# Library Book Depository

Herrick Archives Number 350

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

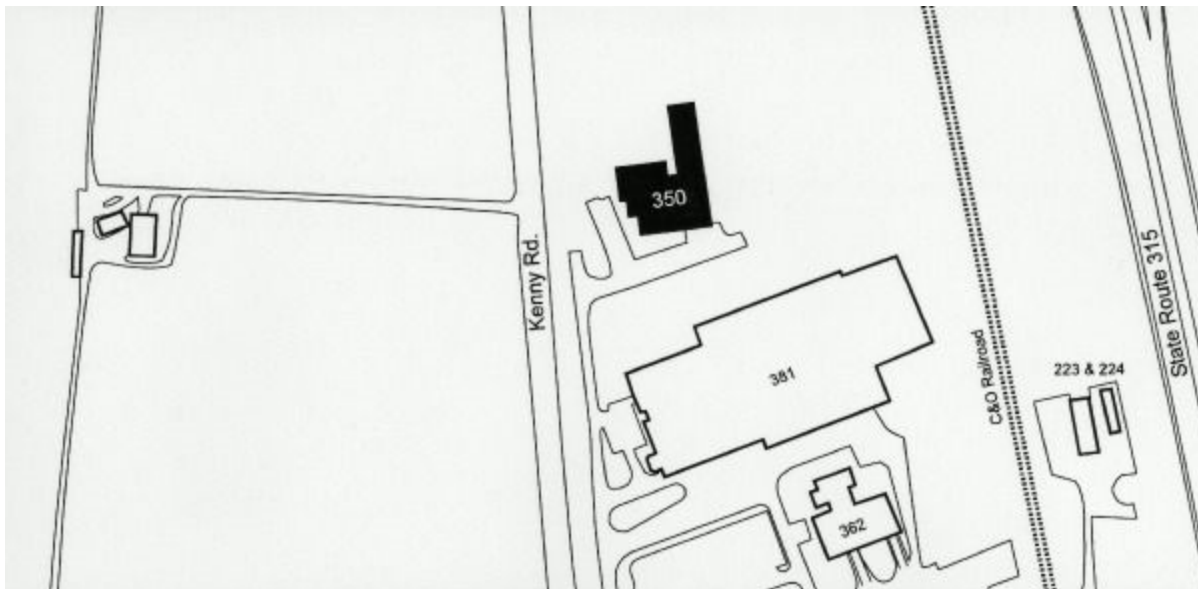
1.1 This building has not been officially named by the Board of Trustees.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Library Book Warehouse

### 2. Location

2.1 Located at 2700 Kenny Road.



### 3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Reinforced concrete frame and masonry skin.

3.2 No. of stories:

Two stories.

3.3 Increments of construction:

Built in two phases.

3.4 Gross floor area of 38,544 sq. ft.

## B. SIGNIFICANT DATES

Phase I:

1. The schematic design was approved on August 30, 1993.
2. The design development document was approved on August 30, 1993.
3. Construction document approval was on November 17, 1993.
4. Bid opening on March 31, 1994.
5. Contracts were awarded to contractors on July 28, 1994.
6. Report of award to the Board of Trustees on July 8, 1994.
7. Construction began on August 8, 1994.
8. Ground was broken in September 1994.
9. The date of completion was November 1, 1995.

Phase II:

1. The architect/engineer contract was awarded on July 16, 1999.
2. The schematic design was approved on November 17, 1999.
3. The design development document was approved November 17, 1999.
4. Construction document approval was on March 1, 2001.
5. Bid opening on April 4, 2001.
6. Contracts were awarded to contractors on May 25, 2001.
7. Construction began on June 4, 2001.
8. Report of award to the Board of Trustees on August 29, 2001.
9. Completion

### C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. For several years the University Libraries had been over-capacity for housing its books and collections. At the time of inception, OSU Libraries housed over 4 million volumes in the nearly 30 libraries and special collection areas on campus, and the collection was estimated to grow to 7 million by 2005. In addition, many of the existing libraries on campus lacked temperature and humidity controls for the proper preservation of books and other media.

2. The Ohio Board of Regents realized that there would be a tremendous cost savings to constructing one centralized building for storage rather than expanding individual campus libraries. The Regents recommended that academic libraries develop a plan for constructing storage units that would ease stack overcrowding in the libraries by relocating seldom used materials to a centralized location.

3. As a result of this 1987 proposal by the Ohio Board of Regents, university planners and the library director visited various existing library storage facilities and interviewed staff. Among the best known of the facilities surveyed and the most innovative was the Harvard Depository, located in Southborough, Massachusetts. Our associates were most impressed with the Harvard facility with its concept of high-density storage and use of an environmentally controlled climate that addressed preservation issues.

4. Later phases are to include the expansion of the storage area with up to four additional 9,000 square foot storage modules.

#### **D. PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION**

1. University associates who worked on the project include:

Captain:

(I) Frazier, John

(II) Melva Williams

Assistant:

(I) Frey, Jean

(II) Baldwin, Lisa

2. Phase I: Architects: O.A. Spencer Inc / Calvin Singleton & Associates

3. Phase I: On July 28, 1994 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: Weithman Brothers, Inc.

Plumbing: Lincoln T. Mandeville/J.A. Croson Co.,

HVAC: Farber Corporation

Electric: Romanoff Electric Corp.

4. Phase II: Architect: O.A. Spencer

5. Phase II: On May 25, 2001 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: Gutknecht Construction Company (Columbus, Ohio)

HVAC/Plumbing: Farber Corporation (Columbus, Ohio)

Electric: Knight Electric (Columbus, Ohio)

#### **E. COST**

1. The budget for phase I was \$3,526,544.39, and for phase II it was \$2,376,454.61.

#### **F. PHOTOGRAPHS**

1. In Photoarchives:

2. Other: